GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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CHILD MALNUTRITION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of children suffering from malnutrition is on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the number of children suffering from malnutrition in the country at present;

(c) whether the Government had chalked out a nutrition food policy in 1993 which proved a failure;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore;

(e) whether the Government have chalked out any new nutrition policy to overcome this problem; and

(f) the time by which this policy is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) No, Sir. The number of children suffering from malnutrition is not on the rise in the country.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The Government of India adopted a NationalNutrition Policy(NNP) in the year 1993 which advocated a multi- sectoral strategy for alleviating the problem of malnutrition and identified a series of actions in different spheres. A number of initiatives have been undertaken as a follow up of the NNP and it has not been a failure.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Not applicable.